Statement-II

Funds Earmarked for Education Department in 8th & 9th Plan

(Rs. In Crores)

	Plan Allocation
Eighth Plan Period 1992—97	Rs. 7443.00
Ninth Plan Period 1997—2002	Rs. 24908.38

Statement-III

Funds Exclusively Earmarked for SC/ST in 8th & 9th Five Year Plans in Department of Education

(Rs. in Crores)

	Year	Plan Allocation	Flow to SCP	Flow to TSP
Eighth Plan Period	1992-97	7443.00	857.21 (15.63)	512.10 (9.33)
Ninth Plan Period	1997—98 to 1999-2000	12840.28	1690.04 (16.09)	944.53 (9.00)

Note: Figures given in parenthesis indicates percentage of flow of funds of the divisible outlay to SCP & TSP.

Free Education to Children

†1494. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to provide free education to all the children between the age group of 6 to 14 years;

(b) whether any estimate has been made for the amount to be

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

spent on the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the target of percentage of the children fixed to provide education under the scheme by the end of current Five Year Plan; and

(e) whether the programme is being implemented successfully as per the fixed target?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Saikia Committee in 1997 made an assessment of additional Rs. 40000 cores for elementary education over five years. The Tapas Majumdar Committee made an assessment of additional requirement of Rs. 1,37,000 crores for Universalisation of Elementary Education over a period of 10 years. By following cost effective and covergent approaches, it is likely that the requirement of funds would be lower than the assessment made by the Majumdar Committee.

(d) No target in terms of percentage of children to be provided education is fixed in the Five Year Plan.

(e) Most recent surveys indicate that more than 70% children in the 6—14 age group are attending schools.

Vocational Professional Education in Government Schools

1495. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote vocational/ professional education in all Government schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of central schemes sponsored for the purpose in different States?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Consequent to priority accorded by National Policy on Education 1986 a Centrally